

# THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cyprus-Turkey

a. The situation on the island remains extremely tense in the aftermath of Monday's shooting of two Greek officers and a Greek Cypriot.

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b. Greek Cypriots are swearing vengeance, apparently not satisfied with the 31 or more Turkish Cypriot hostages they have already seized in retaliation. A number of these may have been put to death, and, if so, the whole affair promises to escalate when the Turkish Cypriots learn of it.

c. Greek Cypriots are concentrating in the Famagusta area and we expect violence there this weekend. Also in Limassol.

d. The Turks, [redacted] are trying to infiltrate more fighters into Famagusta from Turkey.

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f. Dissatisfaction over the government's handling of the Cyprus issue is widespread and a sense of frustration is building up [redacted]

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## 2. Suez Canal

a. A major traffic snarl has developed in the Suez Canal and at both approaches.

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b. Over 150 ships, including 40 loaded northbound super tankers, are standing idle until something can be done about a cement barge, also loaded, which swamped near the half-way point.

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## 3. Yemen-Aden

a. Tribesmen from the South Arabian Federation have been seen of late in "large numbers" on the streets of Taiz in Yemen.

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b. Many are said to be on their way to Sana and Egypt for military training.

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4. Sino-Soviet  
Border Talks

a. The Soviets and Chinese have nothing to show for three months of negotiations over their mutual border.

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The Chinese, are insisting on a written Soviet acknowledgment that the present borders are the product of unjust treaties imposed by Tsarist Russia.

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d. The Soviets want to confine the talks to settling a few geographic points in dispute on the existing frontier.

5. Laos

a. The rightists are still pressing Souvanna to make substantial changes in his government. Adept at doing nothing, he has so far successfully resisted despite their threats to re-form a government on their own if he does not act promptly.

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e. There has been no important change in the military situation. Nor do we yet have any hint of what the Communists intend to do, now that they have Tha Thom, beyond improving their military position before the rainy season sets in.

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NOTES

- A. Zanzibar Babu is still making it difficult for Nyerere to consolidate the new union.

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West Germany has replaced us as the favorite target of his press.

- B. UK-Hungary negotiations between London and Budapest are nearly completed on a \$42 million line of credit, guaranteed by the government, with 30-year repayment terms.

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- C. Indonesia-Malaysia Djakarta takes a dim view of U Thant's effort to provide good offices in the Indonesian-Malaysian dispute.

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E. Jordan Waters So far, the Arab reaction to Israel's tests of the Jordan waters system has been mild. Even in Syria, the story has received routine handling. We expect the Arabs to begin taking a stronger line, however, as the tests continue. If there are no hitches, the project goes into operation in the summer.

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F. Angola-Egypt Holden Roberto has stepped up his requests for military aid from Cairo.

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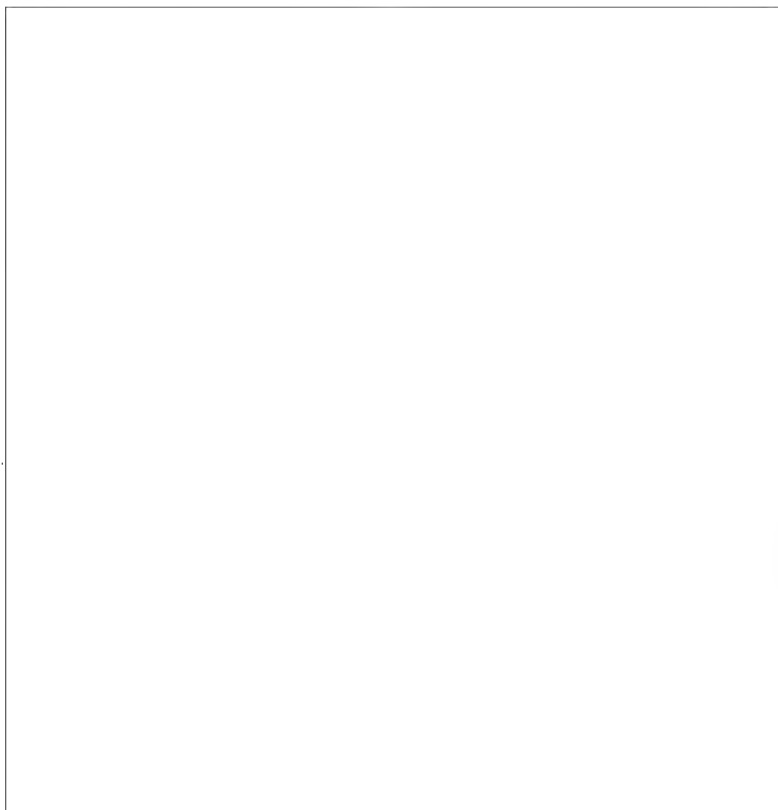
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